

ABSORBENTS with Petroleum, Oil, & Lubricants (POL) (Used rags, pads, booms, technical wipes)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Absorbents include Used Rags, Pads, Booms and Technical Wipes. Keep absorbents contaminated with other hazardous materials separate from absorbents with POL. Absorbents with gasoline or mogas must be handled differently. Call the DPW Environmental Division Compliance Inspections Program or the TAP for guidance.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

Absorbents **saturated** with POL may be flammable and/or toxic. Call the DPW Environmental Division Compliance Inspections Program or the TAP for guidance.

WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

Used absorbents that are contaminated with POL products can not be disposed of in the trash. Non-saturated absorbents contaminated with POL are considered NON-REGULATED WASTE and must be turned in to the DPW TAP.

HANDLING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

Step 1: Use/Re-use absorbents to their fullest extent without becoming saturated (dripping).

Step 2: Place used absorbents into a closable metal container marked “USED POL RAGS”.

Step 3: When absorbents are no longer usable, place them in a clear plastic bag and contact the ECO to transfer the bag of rags to the RMSSP.

Step 4: The ECO can call the DPW TAP for pickup.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Always use the rags in the “USED POL RAGS” container first before reaching for a new rag. Re-using rags reduces waste and saves money.

For more info contact: DPW Environmental Compliance Inspection Program or the TAP.